

that rotation of said cranks is linked to movement of a person's feet through adjacent paths that have a horizontal component and a relatively greater vertical component.

11. A stepping machine, comprising:

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a frame designed to rest upon a floor surface;
a left crank and a right crank, wherein each said crank is rotatably mounted on said frame;
a left foot support and a right foot support; and
a left linking means and a right linking means, each for linking rotation of a respective crank to movement of a respective foot support through a path having a horizontal component and a relatively greater vertical component.

Remarks

Applicant requests that claims 1-9 be cancelled without prejudice, and that claims 10-11 be examined. Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Form PTO-1449, listing the references cited in the parent applications.

As always, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned representative of Applicant to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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